Contribution of Various Zones to Exports

3082. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minster of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent study by Exim Bank (Export Processing Zones in select countries : Critical Success factors) revealed that India's EPZs and FTZs have contributed very little to the exports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the export of these zones is far less than that of Bangladesh and Mauritius;

(c) if so the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the details of the performance of the various EPZs and FTZs in the country; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated by Government to improve the performance of these zones with special reference to Visakhapatnam EPZ in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The Exim Bank study, brought out in December, 1999, briefly sets out the scheme of Export Processing Zones (EPZs)/ Free Trade Zones (FTZs) in select countries and their experience. It has been observed that results of EPZs/FTZs in Mauritius and Bangladesh are highly successful whereas others are not.

(c) The facilities and regulatory regime available in Mauritius and Bangladesh are different and are not comparable with Indian EPZs.

(d) The details of exports from EPZs in the country during the last three years are annexed in the statement (See below).

(e) The functioning of the Zones is being reviewed from time to time to improve the efficacy in the light of the experience gained, some of the measures introduced in the Exim Policy, effective from 1-4-2000 in order to improve the performance of EPZs, including Visakhapatnam EPZ, include stipulation of positive net foreign exchange earning for capital intensive units, liberalisation of subcontracting facility and further deregulation of activities of units.

STATEMENT

Details of exports from Export Processing Zones (EPZs) during the last three years

(Rs. in Crores)

Zone	Year		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1. Kandla Free Trade Zone, Kandla	374.15	464.05	391.81
2. Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone, Mumbai	2189.90	2517.68	3281.84
3. Noida Export Processing Zone, Noida	586.52	604.09	752.07
4. Madras Export Processing Zone. Chennai	993.82	1003.98	535.94
5. Cochin Export Processing Zone. Cochin	165.38	174.51	200.05
6. Falta Export Processing Zone, Calcutta	29.15	52.94	72.77
7. Visakahapatnam Export Processing Zone, Visakhapatnam	—	0.05	18.00
TOTAL	4338.92	4817.30	5252.48

Industries/Factories in **Rajasthan and Orissa**

3083. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of industries/factories established in the State of Rajasthan and Orissa, as compared to other States of the country during the last three years and till date, in view of the need for economic and industrial development of these States.

(b) whether Government have formulated any new policy to set up industries in Rajasthan and Orissa on priority basis;